

## Freckleton Parish Council

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016, in the Methodist Hall.**

**Present:** Councillor T Fiddler, (Chairman)

Councillors, T Threlfall St J Greenhough, Mrs M Whitehead, K McKay, Mrs S Delany, Mrs J Cartmell, Mrs N Griffiths, Mrs. P Holt, Mrs. L Willis, P Walton and L Rigby.

**1) To receive declarations from anyone (public or Councillors) if they propose to record the meeting (film or audio) under the Openness of the Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.**

Cllr. Noreen Griffiths.

**2) To accept Apologies for Absence.**

None

**3) Open forum**

**a) Police report.**

There was no Police present.

The Clerk read out the following report.

Number Of Incidents Logged: 75

Number Of Crimes: 12

02/03/2016 WA1603091 Criminal Damage --ADDRESS SANITISED--- CLOSED

**Optional Comments:**

Unknown offender approached salt storage box and damaged same by ripping felt from roof.

03/03/2016 WA1603094 Criminal Damage BUSH LANE- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

**Optional Comments:**

Unknown offender drove vehicle around playing fields, causing damage to same.

04/03/2016 WA1603149 Burglary --ADDRESS SANITISED--- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

**Optional Comments:**

Unknown offenders approached property from the side, climbed over wooden gate to rear garden, forced open bedroom window with unknown object, made a tidy search, stole a Samsung tablet and made off undetected.

04/03/2016 WA1603143 Burglary LOWER LANE- CLOSED

**Optional Comments:**

Offenders climbed onto conservatory roof of large detached house while owners away during hours of darkness, forced bathroom window using flat bladed instrument, targeted wardrobes and stole jewellery, made downstairs activating alarm and left via unlocking lounge window.

05/03/2016 WA1603227 Burglary BUTTS LANE- CLOSED

**Optional Comments:**

Unknown offender(s) during hours of darkness entered allotments through broken fencing, approached two secure wooden sheds, forced one lock by unknown means and removed other lock with bolt cutters or similar; removed property from one shed and made off undetected.

07/03/2016 WA1603302 Shoplifting LYTHAM ROAD- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

**Optional Comments:**

Offender selected a sandwich from the display and left the shop, stealing same and not offering any payment.

08/03/2016 WA1603424 Shoplifting --ADDRESS SANITISED--- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

**Optional Comments:**

Two offenders, one known, stole two sandwiches and left, making no attempt to pay.

11/03/2016 WA1603567 Fraud HERON WAY - POLICE DISPOSAL

**Optional Comments:**

Unknown offender failed to pay for taxi service.

11/03/2016 WA1603553 Assault NAZE LANE- CLOSED

**Optional Comments:**

Details not disclosed.

14/03/2016 WA1603783 Theft --ADDRESS SANITISED--- CLOSED

**Optional Comments:**

Unknown offenders approached locked and secure van on driveway of property, gained entry by unknown means, took property and left undetected.

25/03/2016 WA1604242 Assault NAZE LANE- CLOSED

**Optional Comments:**

Assault by an offender known to the victim.

25/03/2016 WA1604218 Assault HUNTER ROAD- CRIME UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION

**Optional Comments:**

Domestic assault.

Craig Eckersley brought it to the attention of the council and the general public that similar events were happening in Warton and also an attempted fraud had taken place.

Cllr L Rigby commented that there had been lots of incidents but no results. The chairman responded that he had brought it up several times with the relevant people and that the clerk had written several times and got the same disappointing result. Cllr T Threlfall informed the chairman that a new inspector had started today, Sue Horne and he had asked her how Freckleton was going to be policed under her watch.

**3b) Public participation.**

F.I.B. suggest putting up a notice to show points of interest for visitors around the village. They would like to have it up for judging. This would need the council's permission.

Cllr T Fiddler informed the council the open spaces committee can make a decision on this and to put this item on the minutes for meeting next Tuesday.

The Clerk asked can it be placed on the war memorial fence. It will have to face north.

Cllr Paul Rigby- There has been some movement on library I have sent an email to the clerk. Let me know when the next meeting is and I will attend.

Naze Lane East - LCC are coming to look at the drains but they didn't say when.

T Threlfall. - Any news on the loose kerb stones around the village that I brought up at a previous meeting. P Rigby - I will bring it up again.

L Rigby - Wyndene Grove has large pot holes. I have reported them.

The railings by the Spar shop. - P Rigby has reported they look a mess and is trying to have them replaced.

Cllr St J Greenhough reported Lytham Rd. pot holes are getting very deep.

**4) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.**

All Councilor's, as landlords, declared an interest in the Bush lane sports field and the Cenotaph.

Cllr T Fiddler Cricket Club & Cllr L Rigby Cricket Club and the Bowling Club.

**5) To read and approve the minutes of the following meetings:-**

a) The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016

It was resolved that the above mentioned minutes, previously circulated, be approved.

**6) To review the Clerk's report**

The report was noted.

**7) Finance**

**a) Ratification of accounts paid by Clerk**

It was resolved that the accounts should be approved

**b) Monthly budget statements**

Noted

**c) To consider making donations to Various organizations**

It was resolved that the following grants be approved.

**Precept**

Holy Trinity Church (Parochial Church Council) £500

**Precept – Section 137**

Air Ambulance £200

The Fylde Hospice £200

**Open Spaces**

Freckleton Bowling Club £1,700

The following grant was deferred:-

**Community Development**

Rural Splash £1,500

**d) To consider the grass cutting procedures on the Bush lane sports field**

Currently the grass on Bush lane sports field is cut once a fortnight as per the council's contract with Golden Leaf. A request has been raised by letter from a member of the public requesting it be cut twice a week. The clerk pointed out that this would be subject to an annual increase in cost of £2500.

It was resolved that the letter be noted and the status quo would be maintained.

**e) To consider the request for an annual subscription to the Lancashire Playing Fields Association**

It was resolved that the subscription be approved.

**8) To consider the suggestions for running the Rawstorne Centre**

Cllr P Holt reported that since she has taken over as treasure the money has gone down. We don't have a secretary the current social secretary is a volunteer and she has not received any money from her since December.

The chairman stated that a fundamental problem was there was no football section over the winter. The summer has the cricket section.

Cllr N Griffiths asked if it has to be a Freckleton team play on the pitch. Chairman – it has to be local teams.

The Chairman asked how we move forward on this, as the obligation is on the council to come up with a solution as the people of the village expect the centre to be available to them.

Cllr L Rigby suggested the Council should meet with the Rawstorne centre committee.

The Chairman commented that it is imperative we get a secretary. Also Football activity during the winter. The Clerk suggested they look at the model of how the bowling club is run on as it is very good example.

**9) To receive updates from the Chairman of the Committees.**

Open space meeting. On the agenda for next week's meeting was an item for residents to form their own litter picking teams.

**10) To receive an update from meetings held with other Organisations and Bodies**

No updates

**11) To receive an update from the FBC Councilor's.**

Cllr T Threlfall reported that MP Mark Menzes will be visiting the village on the 8<sup>th</sup> April between 4 and 6pm at the Memorial hall.

**12) To agree the date of the next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meetings (Annual Parish Council Meeting and Full Council Meeting) would be held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

**Signed.....T Threlfall, Chairman.....**

**Date.....09/05/106.....**

## Schedule of Payments – March 2016 – Appendix A

| <b>Freckleton Parish Council</b>      |  |                   |                  |                |                   |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Schedule of payments March '16</b> |  |                   |                  |                |                   |
|                                       |  | <b>Cheque No.</b> | <b>£</b>         | <b>VAT</b>     | <b>Net of VAT</b> |
| <b>Precept Account</b>                |  |                   |                  |                |                   |
| 01/03/2016                            | KM Armistead - Salary                            | 6446              | £1,210.82        |                | £1,210.82         |
| 01/03/2016                            | PO ltd - Tax & N/I                               | 6448              | £486.76          |                | £486.76           |
| 01/03/2016                            | N Bibby - salary                                 | 6447              | £274.57          |                | £274.57           |
| 01/03/2016                            | KM Armistead - expenses                          | 6449              | £116.04          |                | £116.04           |
| 01/03/2016                            | N Bibby - Expenses                               | 6452              | £19.77           |                | £19.77            |
| 14/03/2016                            | Rural Splash - Donation                          | 6456              | £1,500.00        |                | £1,500.00         |
| <b>Open Spaces</b>                    |  |                   |                  |                |                   |
| 14/03/2016                            | Golden leaf - grass cutting                      | 6455p             | £375.00          |                | £375.00           |
| 14/03/2016                            | Golden leaf - Bedding out & Borders              | 6455p             | £310.00          |                | £310.00           |
| 14/03/2016                            | Golden leaf - litter picking                     | 6455p             | £375.00          |                | £375.00           |
| 01/03/2016                            | Scottish power - electricity charges             | D/D               | £38.00           |                | £38.00            |
| 14/03/2016                            | Townsend's - diesel                              | 6454              | £30.01           | £5.00          | £25.01            |
| 01/03/2016                            | ESU - deposit on cricket score board             | 6450              | £1,018.80        | £169.80        | £849.00           |
| 01/03/2016                            | Threlfall electric - Repairs to cenotaph lights  | 6451              | £45.00           | £7.50          | £37.50            |
| 14/03/2016                            | Cricket club - deposit for electronic scoreboard | cheque            | -£849.00         |                | -£849.00          |
| 14/03/2016                            | Club day committee - donations for materials     | cheque            | -£3,132.00       |                | -£3,132.00        |
| 14/03/2016                            | woody - materials for notice board               | 6453              | £57.01           | £9.50          | £47.51            |
| 14/03/2016                            | Golden leaf - additional work                    | 6455p             | £72.00           |                | £72.00            |
| 14/03/2016                            | LBKVC - entry fee                                | 6457              | £25.00           |                | £25.00            |
| 14/03/2016                            | R Womack - tree pruning Balderstone road         | 6458              | £260.00          |                | £260.00           |
| 14/03/2016                            | Total merchandise ltd - materila for Club day    | 6459              | £3,758.40        | £626.40        | £3,132.00         |
| <b>Allotments</b>                     |  |                   |                  |                |                   |
| <b>Community Development Account</b>  |  |                   |                  |                |                   |
| 29/02/2016                            | NatWest - interest                               | D/P               | -£0.40           |                | -£0.40            |
| 29/02/2016                            | Nationwide - interest                            | D/P               | -£49.35          |                | -£49.35           |
| <b>Rawstorne Centre</b>               |  |                   |                  |                |                   |
| <b>VAT -Refunds</b>                   |  |                   |                  |                |                   |
| <b>Total</b>                          |  |                   |                  |                |                   |
|                                       |  |                   | <b>£5,941.43</b> | <b>£818.20</b> | <b>£5,123.23</b>  |

## Precept Account – March 2016 – Appendix B

| Freckleton Parish Council       |                 |                |                |                 |            |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Precept Account March '16       |                 |                |                |                 |            |
| Budget                          |                 | Expenditure    |                | Balance         | Percentage |
| Headings                        | Allocation      | March '16      | To date        | Outstanding     | used       |
| Wages                           | £23,000         | £1,972         | £23,591        | -£591           | 103%       |
| Insurance                       | £4,600          |                | £4,173         | £427            | 91%        |
| Stationery                      | £1,000          |                | £612           | £388            | 61%        |
| Postage                         | £1,800          | £136           | £1,675         | £125            | 93%        |
| LAPTC                           | £620            |                | £689           | -£69            | 111%       |
| Audit fee                       | £500            |                | £470           | £30             | 94%        |
| Chair Allow                     | £100            |                | £100           | £0              | 100%       |
| Training                        | £100            |                | £324           | -£224           | 324%       |
| Civic functions                 | £500            |                | £556           | -£56            | 111%       |
| Election                        | £2,000          |                | £2,331         | -£331           | 117%       |
| Reserve                         | £0              |                | £0             | £0              |            |
| equipment                       | £280            |                | £133           | £147            | 48%        |
| Grants                          | £2,500          | £1,500         | £2,000         | £500            | 80%        |
| Section137                      | £500            |                | £400           | £100            | 80%        |
| <b>Open Spaces Account</b>      |                 |                |                |                 |            |
| Grass cutting & shrub borders   | £16,275         | £447           | £21,514        | -£5,239         | 132%       |
| Bedding out & Watering          | £25,175         | £595           | £19,400        | £5,775          | 77%        |
| Cleansing                       | £5,900          | £400           | £5,223         | £677            | 89%        |
| Maintaining Buildings           | £2,700          | £85            | £5,999         | -£3,299         | 222%       |
| Organisations                   | £9,850          |                | £7,680         | £2,170          | 78%        |
| Electric & rates                | £2,200          | £36            | £1,907         | £293            | 87%        |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>£99,600</b>  | <b>£5,171</b>  | <b>£98,777</b> | <b>£823</b>     | <b>99%</b> |
| <b>Other Accounts March '16</b> |                 |                |                |                 |            |
| Account                         |                 | Income         | Expenditure    | Balance         |            |
| Croft Butts lane Allotments     |                 | £734           | £1,428         | -£694           |            |
| Bush lane Allotments            |                 | £1,211         | £400           | £811            |            |
| Rawstone Centre                 | £7,944          | £3,140         | £11,528        | -£444           |            |
| Rawstone Centre - refurbishment |                 | £13,000        | £13,000        | £0              |            |
| Community Development           | £67,318         | £780           | £7,515         | £60,583         |            |
| Memorial park - playground      | £20,275         | £0             | £0             | £20,275         |            |
| Tom Croft Car park              | £8,692          | £8,193         | £534           | £16,351         |            |
| Open spaces -capital            | £10,263         | £3,798         | £8,050         | £6,012          |            |
| VAT                             |                 | £11,702        | £11,446        | £256            |            |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>£114,492</b> | <b>£42,558</b> | <b>£53,900</b> | <b>£103,150</b> |            |